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1. VIETNAM

VICE FONMIN PHAN HIEN SAID MONDAY THAT HE EXPECTED NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN US/SRV RELS. AT TOKYO NEWS CONF FOLLOWING WK'S VISIT TO JAPAN, HIEN SAID OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS ARE NORMALIZATION RELS/RETURN OF MIA REMAINS/AID TO REBUILD VN. HIEN WAS REPORTED BY JAPANESE OFFICIALS LAST WK TO HAVE UNCLASSIFIED

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TOLD GOVT LEADERS THAT HANOI WAS PREPARED DISCUSS NORMALIZATION RELS W/US W/O PRECONDITIONS. BUT ACCORDING REUTER, IN MONDAY'S COMMENTS HE MADE NO REFERENCE TO DROPPING ANY PRECONDITIONS, INCL POSTWAR RECONSTRUCTION AID. HIEN TOLD REPORTERS THAT TECHNICAL TEAM FROM HANOI HAD ALREADY GONE TO HONOLULU TO DISCUSS WAYS OF RECOVERING MIA BODIES. MTG W/US REPS SCHEDULED BEGIN 7/11.

HIEN SAID SRV IS WILLING CO-OP IN HONOLULU MTG AND IS "DOING THIS WHILE THE UNITED STATES IS NOT DOING ANYTHING

TO HELP RECONSTRUCT OUR COUNTRY." SAID RELS MUST BE ESTABLISHED, "BUT IT IS BETTER FOR THE UNITED STATES TO BRING SOMETHING TO VIETNAM RATHER THAN COME BARE-HANDED." SAID SRV WOULD WELCOME US AID BEFORE NORMALIZATION, BUT

EXPECTS AID EVEN AFTER (REUTER TOKYO, NYT; SUN; WSJ).

UPI (TOKYO, CHITRIB/JOC) INTERPRETS HIEN'S OFFER OF RECONCILIATION DIFFERENTLY, CALLING OFFER W/O PLEDGE OF AID "A MAJOR POLICY REVERSAL." QUOTES VICE FONMIN THAT "EVEN IF THE US CONGRESS REJECTS THE RECONSTRUCTION AID, WE LOOK FORWARD TO FULL DIPLOMATIC TIES"--1ST HINT, UPI SAYS, FROM VIETS THAT HANOI WOULD NORMALIZE W/O ASSURANCE OF AID. NYT SPEC QUOTES DOS SPOKESMAN THAT US HAS NOT BEEN INFORMED IN ANY OFFICIAL WAY THAT SRV READY ESTABLISH DIPLO RELS W/O PLEDGE OF AID.

BEFORE DEPARTURE FOR SINGAPORE, HIEN QUOTED AS TELLING JAPANESE LEADERS SRV PREPARED DISCUSS W/ASEAN PROPOSED ZONE OF PEACE/NEUTRALITY IN SEASIA, WHICH, ACCORDING JAPAN OFFICIAL, IMPLIED SRV NOW REGARDS ASEAN AS ECON GROUPING/ NOT AS MIL ALLIANCE. REUTER (TOKYO) SAYS HIEN UNDERLINED SRV'S NON-ALIGNED/INDEPENDENT POLICY, APPARENTLY SEEKING UNCLASSIFIED

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AID FROM WEST AS WELL AS USSR/E EUR. DURING JAPAN VISIT, HIEN SIGNED AGREEMENT FOR 49.2-MIL-DOL LOW-INTEREST LOAN.

ABOUT 50 VIET REFUGEES DEMONSTRATED PEACEFULLY IN FRONT OF SRV EMBASSY IN TOKYO SATURDAY, PROTESTING "MISERABLE LIFE, MATERIAL AS WELL AS MORAL," OF VIET PEOPLE. EMBASSY OFFICIALS REFUSED ACCEPT NOTE DEMONSTRATORS TRIED DELIVER TO PHAN HIEN, WHICH ASKED "WHY WE PEOPLE HAVE TO WORK HARDER AND HARDER JUST TO EAT LESS AND LESS?" (AP TOKYO, WP 7/9/NYT).

TRAN VAN TUYEN, PROMINENT VIET LAWYER WHO OPPOSED DIEM/ THIEU REGIMES, DIED IN PRISON IN NVN 20 MONTHS AGO, ACCORDING INFO RECEIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER IN US. REPORTS SAID HE DIED IN RE-EDUCATION CAMP WHERE HE HAD BEEN SENT W/SON, WHO IS SAID STILL BEING HELD (NYT).

2. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

TAIWANESE TRAWLER SAILED INTO HK MONDAY W/382 VIET REFUGEES ABOARD, LARGEST SINGLE REFUGEE GROUP TO ARRIVE HK SO FAR. TWO TRAWLERS REPORTEDLY WERE DETAINED BY VIET AUTHORITIES IN DAN NANG FOR 22 DAYS AFTER THEY INADVERTENTLY INTRUDED INTO VIET WATERS. REFUGEES WERE ALLOWED BOARD VESSELS WHEN SHIPS RECEIVED PERMISSION TO LEAVE. AP (HK, SUN 7/10) SAYS IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS HAVE NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER THEY WILL BE ALLOWED REMAIN HK. GROUP OF

135, ARRIVED WK AGO, ALLOWED STAY IN HK TEMPORARILY.

3. VIETNAM/CHINA

PRC HAS REJECTED VIET PROPOSAL TO EXTEND TIME FOR PLANNED REPATRIATION OF ETHNIC CHINESE FROM VN, RADIO HANOI REPORTED TUES. SAID PROPOSAL, MADE AT 12TH MTG BETWN CHI-NESE/VIETS IN HANOI TO ARRANGE SEALIFT, WOULD HAVE ALLOWED SHIPS BERTH AT VIET PORTS FOR 4-5 DAYS INSTEAD UNCLASSIFIED

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OF 3 ORIGINALLY PLANNED; SAID PRC ALSO REJECTED REQUEST TO PROVIDE NAMES OF 2,250 CHINESE WANTING LEAVE VN (REUTER SINGAPORE).

4. CHINA

CSM (7/10) NOTES NCNA REPORT FRIENDLY MTG IN PEKING SUNDAY BETWN VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING/CODEL WOLFF.

REUTER (PEKING) REPORTS SECOND RUNWAY APPEARS COMPLETED AT PEKING AIRPORT; WILL ALLOW WIDE-BODIED JETS BEGIN FLYING THERE SOON.

JOC (HK) CITES NCNA REPORT OF STATEMENTS BY PRC SCI/TECH MIN FANG YI THAT WKEND CONTACTS BETWN US/PRC NOT ENOUGH. SAID "NEW POSSIBILITIES FOR SINO-US SCI/TECH EXCHANGES/COOP NEED TO BE EXPLORED." ADDED NORMALIZATION WOULD OPEN UP "VAST VISTAS" FOR EXPANSION SUCH CONTACTS.

FEDERATION HK INDUSTRIES SAYS DYEING/FINISHING INDUSTRY HAS DECLINED IN PAST 2 YRS, W/NUMBER OF FACTORIES DOWN 5.7 PCT, NUMBER WORKERS DOWN 4 PCT. FIGURES ANNOUNCED IN SUPPORT FED'S OPPOSITION TO GOVT'S PROPOSED 35 PCT WATER RATE INCREASE (JOC, HK).

JOC'S TELFER REPORTS TAIWAN REVALUED CURRENCY 5.6 PCT AFTER RECORDING SHARP INCREASE EXPORTS/SUBSTANTIAL TRADE SURPLUS DURING 1ST HALF. TELFER ADDS TAIWAN PURCHASING MISSION IN US HAS BOUGHT MORE THAN 700 MIL DOLS WORTH SINCE ARRIVING LA 6/9. QUOTES MISSION LEADER TK SHAO THAT TOTAL MAY REACH 800 MIL DOLS BEFORE TEAM'S DEPARTURE.

5. SINGAPORE
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UPI (SINGAPORE, BALI NA 7/10) REPORTS THERE IS INCREASING SPECULATION THAT GOS MAY CALL SEVERAL BY-ELECTIONS IN NEAR FUTURE IN HOPE OF DROPPING SOME MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT/ REPLACING THEM W/"FRESH BLOOD." QUOTES POL OBSERVERS THAT

RULING PARTY OF LEE KUAN YEW WILL HAVE "SMOOTH SAILING" AS COUNTRY CONTINUES FLOURISH ECONOMICALLY DESPITE WORLDWIDE ECON PROBLEMS.

6. JAPAN

UPI (GENEVA) REPORTS TOP NEGOTIATORS AT TOKYO ROUND TRADE TALKS HAVE RULED OUT COMPLETE AGREEMENT IN TIME FOR BONN SUMMIT (JOC). BUT REUTER (GENEVA 7/10) NOTES STRAUSS STILL CONFIDENT PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED, "WITHOUT AGRICULTURE," BY JULY 15 DEADLINE NEGOTIATORS HAD SET FOR PRODUCING OUTLINE. BUT STRAUSS ADDED, "UNTIL WE GET AGREEMENT ON AGRICULTURE, THERE CAN BE NO OVERALL AGREEMENT." UPI QUOTES STRAUSS THAT SOME PROGRESS MADE W/ EEC ON REDUCING TRADE BARRIERS/THAT NOW HE WILL HAVE GET DOWN TO HARD BARGAINING W/USHIBA, WHO, UPI SAYS, HAS GIVEN NO INDICATION TOKYO ABOUT TO OFFER FAR-REACHING CONCESSIONS.

REUTER (TOKYO) CITES OFFICIAL SOURCES FOR REPORTS THAT GOJ EXPECTED BUY THREE AMERICAN DC-10'S FOR EXCLUSIVE USE OF CABINET MINISTERS AS WAY OF CUTTING TRADE SURPLUS. AT PRESENT, EXCEPT FOR PM, ALL MINS USE COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS FOR OFFICIAL TOURS.

JOC'S CULLISON (TOKYO) REPORTS JAPANESE AEROSPACE PRODUCT MANUFACTURERS PLAN SEND 12-MAN MISSION TO CHINA AROUND MID-SEPT IN MOVE TO PROMOTE TECH EXCHANGES/POSSIBLY SELL AIRCRAFT/OTHER EQUIPMENT. QUOTES SOME SOURCES THAT TEAM COULD ULTIMATELY ASSIST CHINA IN SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS PRODUCTION. CULLISON NOTES MITI STATEMENT, HOWEVER, THAT UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, NOT POSSIBLE FOR GOJ TO ALLOW UNCLASSIFIED

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WEAPONS/RELATED TECH EXPORTS TO PRC.

7. INDONESIA

IN FRONT PG STORY, NYT'S THOMAS (7/10) SAYS FORD MOTOR EXEC VP WAS FORCED RETIRE AFTER FIRM'S TOP MANAGEMENT HELD HIM RESPONSIBLE FOR PLAN TO PAY BRIBE IN INDO IN '75, THEN RECEIVED LARGE UNEXPECTED BONUS. QUOTES FORD SOURCES THAT BONUS, POSSIBLY MUCH AS 100,000 DOLS, PAID IN '77 AFTER RUMORS BECAME WIDESPREAD/PRESS BEGAN REPORT THAT SOME INDO OFFICIALS HAD DEMANDED HUGE BRIBES FROM CORPS THAT WANTED BUILD INDO'S SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM.

THOMAS IDENTIFIES EXEC AS PAUL LORENZ, OVERSEER OF AERONUTRONIC FORD, SUBSIDIARY WHICH AGREED IN '75 PAY BRIBES TO INDO GEN TO OBTAIN 30-MIL-DOL CONTRACT. SAYS LORENZ WAS ASKED LEAVE FOR IN 9/75, BUT REMAINED ON PAY-ROLL ANOTHER YR/RECEIVED BONUS, PERSONALLY APPROVED BY HENRY FORD--HIGHLY UNUSUAL, THOMAS SAYS, AFTER BEING ASKED

HENRY FORD--HIGHLY UNUSUAL, THOMAS SAYS, AFTER BEING ASKED TO LEAVE. IN STATEMENT ISSUED BY HIS LAWYER, LORENZ SAID NO BRIBE PAID IN CONNECTION W/INDO TRANSACTION. THOMAS NOTES OUTSIDE MEMBERS OF FIRM'S BOARD HAVE SAID IN LTR TO NYT THAT THEY ARE CONFIDENT NO ATTEMPT MADE BY FORD MANAGEMENT TO COVER UP ANY INFO ON INDO AFFAIR.

8. MALAYSIA

NYT SPEC (KL) POINTS OUT THAT LARGEST MAJORITY OBTAINED BY ANY CANDIDATE IN MALAYSIAN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS WAS WON BY MEMBER OF OPPOSITION WHO DID NOT CAMPAIGN/APPEARED UNLIKELY ABLE REPRESENT PEOPLE WHO ELECTED HIM. SAYS WINNER, CHAN KOK KIT, OF DEMO ACTION PARTY, HAS BEEN UNCLASSIFIED

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DETAINED W/O TRIAL SINCE 11/76 ON CHARGES SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY. CHIEAN HENG KAI, MEMBER SAME PARTY DETAINED ON SIMILAR CHARGES, ALSO ELECTED TO PARLIAMENT. PARTY LEADER APPEALED TO GOM TUES TO RELEASE BOTH MEN SO THEY COULD TAKE SEATS, SAYING THEIR VICTORY WAS "POPULAR VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN THEM AND A VOTE FOR THEIR RELEASE." BUT DIPLO OBSERVERS EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT GOVT WOULD RESPOND TO PLEA.

9. ASEAN

JOC'S DREYER (BRUSSELS) CALLS TUES MTG OF ASEAN COUNTRIES' AMBS/SENIOR EEC OFFICIALS "FIRST STEP IN A DELIBERATE UPGRADING PROCESS" FOR RELS BETWN ASEAN/EEC. PREDICTS MTG, INITIATED BY ASEAN STATES, WILL BE MORE BENEFICIAL IN LONG RUN THAN THOSE EEC HOLDS W/LA COUNTRIES, SINCE ASEAN STATES OPERATE THRU COMMON ORG WHICH HAS BECOME MORE COHESIVE IN LAST 2 YRS.

10. VIETNAM/CAMBODIA

IN RARE PUBLIC APPEARANCE, 65-YR-OLD LON NOL TALKED THRU INTERPRETER SUNDAY ABOUT CAMBODIAN/VIET BORDER CONFLICT/ CALLED ON UN TO INTERVENE IN CONFLICT--OR SOVIET INFLUENCE IN SEASIA WILL GROW. ATTENDING CAMBODIAN PICNIC SPONSORED BY CAMBODIAN ASSN OF AMERS IN LONG BEACH, CALIF, LON NOL SAID CLASH REPRES:NTS VN ATTEMPT TO DOMINATE ALL SEASIA. HE WARNED THAT USSR WOULD USE SEASIA AS BASE OF OPRNS AGAINST PRC/US. "IF THE INDOCHINA PROBLEM IS NOT RESOLVED," HE SAID, "IT WILL BECOME THE PROBLEM NOT ONLY OF INDOCHINA, BUT OF THE WORLD."

LON NOL SAID HE HAS WRITTEN PRES CARTER, URGING HE USE US INFLUENCE TO HELP END FIGHTING--BUT THAT CARTER REPLIED THERE WAS LITTLE US COULD DO, SINCE CAMBODIA HAD CUT IT-SELF OFF FROM WORLD. LON NOL SAID INTERVENTION OF UN PEACE-KEEPING FORCE IN CAMBODIA WOULD HELP MAINTAIN PEACE/

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STOP HUMAN RTS VIOLATIONS, NOTING KEY AIM OF VIETS IS TO CAPTURE CAMBODIAN PRISONERS, THEN TURN THEM AGAINST CAMBODIAN GOVT; SAID THEY HAVE BEEN ABLE EXPLOIT RESENTMENT

FELT BY MANY CAMBODIANS TOWARD THEIR GOVT (LAT'S OLMO 7/10).

11. CAMBODIA

LAT'S MCARTHUR (BANGKOK 7/10) SAYS POL EXECUTIONS CONTINUE UNABATED IN CAMBODIA. QUOTES W DIPLO W/ACCESS TO REFUGEES/INTELLIGENCE INFO COMING FROM CAMBODIA WHO HAS "COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT POL POT VIEWS THE WHOLE POPULATION AS EXPENDABLE." SAYS ONLY ONE ASPECT OF ANALYSTS' EVALUATIONS AROUSES HOPE--THAT MOST INFO COMES FROM REFUGEES FLEEING 4 W PROVINCES OF CAMBODIA, THAN IT IS POSSIBLE THESE PROVINCES ARE WORSE THEN OTHERS. THERE, REFUGEES SAY CATEGORY OF PEOPLE LIKELY BE EXECUTED HAS BEEN BROADENED TO INCLUDE "NEW PEOPLE" OR "NEW KHMERS"--PEOPLE WHO ARE NEW TO RURAL LIFE OR WHO WERE NOT RESIDENTS OF "LIBERATED ZONES." SAYS EARLIER THIS YR AFTER HEAVY HARVEST FINISHED THESE PEOPLE BECAME VICTIMS OF SYSTEMATIC EXECUTIONS.

12. THAILAND

PRES AMER FED OF TEACHERS, ALBERT SHANKER, ARRIVED BANGKOK 7/7 TO MEET W/LABOR LEADERS/VISIT REFUGEE CAMPS (UPI BANGKOK, NYT 7/9).

13. PACIFIC ISLANDS

SUN (7/10) CARRIES AP STORY (HONIARA) ON TWO DELS TO UNCLASSIFIED

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SOLOMON ISLES INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES--US MARINE VETS/JAPANESE VETS WHO FOUGHT IN WW II BATTLES IN SOLOMONS AGAINST EACH OTHER. THEY VISITED '42 BATTLEGROUND TOGETHER, SHOOK HANDS/COMPARED ACCOUNTS OF WAR.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

14. CAMBODIA

WM BUCKLEY (WSTAR 7/9) SAYS HIS EARLIER COLUMN ON CAMBODIA WAS CIRCULATED TO 16 LEADING RELIGIOUS ORGS IN US WHICH HAVE RESPONDED W/SUGGESTIONS OF WHAT DO ABOUT HUMAN RTS IN CAMBODIA. NOTES BAPTISTS ADVOCATED "PUBLIC OUTCRY";

LUTHERANS DID NOT SINGLE OUT CAMBODIA; FRIENDS CMTE ON NATL LEGISLATION WAS MORE CAUTIOUS; MENNONITES, VERY SKEPTICAL; CATHOLICS SAID THAT TO GO FURTHER WOULD REQUIRE INVOLVEMENT USG/CHURCH IN THAT COUNTRY; PRESBYTERIANS/METHODISTS OPPOSED ALL HUMAN RTS VIOLATIONS; UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST SAID US HAS NO LEVERAGE W/CAMBODIA; CHURCH OF BRETHERN FELT LAST THING WE NEED IS DIRECT US INVOLVEMENT;

UNITARIANS DID NOT TAKE POSITION BECAUSE REPORTS ARE 2ND/3RD HAND--AND BECAUSE, BUCKLEY SAYS, 1ST HANDERS ARE DEAD.

BUCKLEY CONCLUDES THERE IS GENUINE CONCERN FOR PLIGHT OF REFUGEES/STRONG STREAK OF EPISTEMOLOGICAL PESSIMISM/EXTENSION OF EQUAL PROTECTION CLAUSE TO INDIGNATION. ABOVE ALL, CONCLUDES FROM REPLIES ONLY WAY INFLUENCE "KAMPUCHEA" IS TO 1ST ESTABLISH DIPLO RELS, THEN TRADE SO THAT "ALONG ABOUT THE 15TH PROTOCOL THE LITTLE MATTER OF KILLING...MAY DISCREETLY BE BROUGHT UP."

15. CHINA

IN NYT OPED ITEM, MIYOSHI NASU (FORMER "MAINICHI" EDIT UNCLASSIFIED

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BOARD MEMBER, NOW TEACHING ECONOMICS OF JAPAN/JAPANOLOGY AT ST. JOHN'S U) SAYS CARTER ADMIN, IN TRYING NORMALIZE RELS W/PEKING WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE, SEEMS MISUNDERSTAND MIND OF ASIAN PEOPLE. SAYS HE FOUND DURING RECENT FAR EAST VISIT THAT MANY POL/BUSINESS/ACADEMIC LEADERS IN AREA EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN THAT SHOULD US SEVER DIPLOMATICALLY/ABROGATE DEFENSE TREATY W/ROC--AND THUS ACT CONTRARY TO ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT CONFUCIAN VALUES--THEN IT WOULD LOSE FOREVER TRUST/CONFIDENCE OF ASIAN PEOPLE, INCLUDING MAINLAND CHINA, AND THUS ALIENATE ALL ASIA.

ACCORDING ROSS TERRILL (PHINQ), "THERE IS MUCH TO BE SAID FOR PLAYING THE CHINESE CARD," MAKING TIE W/PEKING AS FULL/INTER-LOCKING AS THAT W/SOVIETS. CONTENTS IT WAS QUITE RIGHT TO ALLOW SENSITIVE GEOLOGICAL TECHNOLOGY TO CHINA AND NOT TO SOVIETS; ALSO, WOULD BE BLIND NOT NOTICE/APPRECIATE THAT PRC AND US "HAVE PARALLEL VIEWS OF MANY WORLD ISSUES, FROM AFRICA/EUROPE/INDIAN OCEAN/TO INDOCHINA.

SF CHRON (7/4) EDIT HAILS "ENCOURAGING" PROSPECT THAT PRC WILL JOIN IN UN DISARMAMENT TALKS.

16. GENERAL

JOC EDIT (7/10) SAYS FEDL BUREAUCRACY HAS STOPPED COLD COSTLY/ELABORATE PLANS OF US FIRMS TO IMPORT LNG FROM

INDONESIA/ALGERIA. SAYS WHEN FEDL ENERGY REGULATORY COMM
TOOK OVER PTC'S FUNCTIONS, IT ATTACHED SUCH CONDITIONS
TO INDO DEAL, THAT INDOS BALKED. NOTES REVIEW OF THIS
DECISION WAS GRANTED, BUT NO INDO GAS YET BEING BROUGHT IN.
CONTENDS REASON W COAST IS CHOKING ON GLUT OF ALASKAN OIL,
WHILE OTHER SECTIONS OF COUNTRY IN NEED OF IT, IS FOUND IN
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WASHINGTON WHERE DECISION MADE NOT TO EXPORT ALASKAN OIL

TO JAPAN UNDER PRESSURE FROM US MARITIME UNIONS/SHIP-
BUILDERS WHO WANTED REAP PROFITS OF SHIPMENTS FROM ALASKA
TO PANAMA--EVEN THO OIL WOULD HAVE TO BE TRANSSHIPPED
THERE AT GREAT EXPENSE TO PASS THRU CANAL. CHRISTOPHER

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